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wherein said stabilizer includes a pair of strips having slots defined therein for allowing said strips to be inserted one into the other about said outer sleeve.



22. (new) A post as defined in claim 21, wherein each said strip includes a first elongated segment and a second elongated segment extending at right angles from one end of said first segment, said strips being assembled together to form a pair of diverging arms on opposed sides of said sleeve.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly substitute the enclosed sheet of drawings containing Figs. 1 and 2 for the corresponding sheet of drawings at present on file.

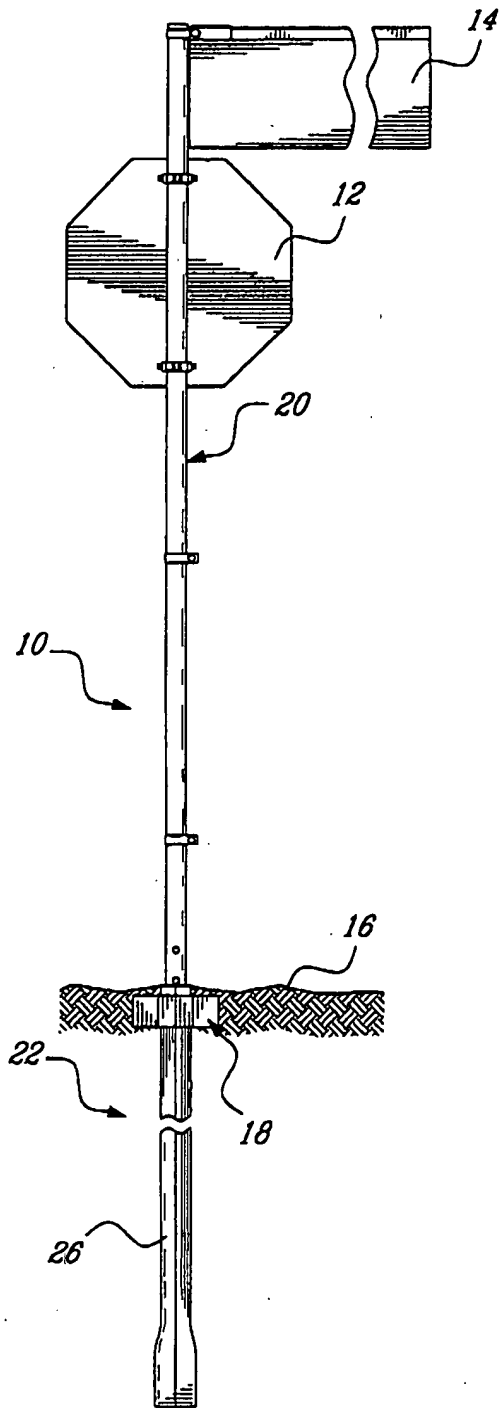


FIG. 1

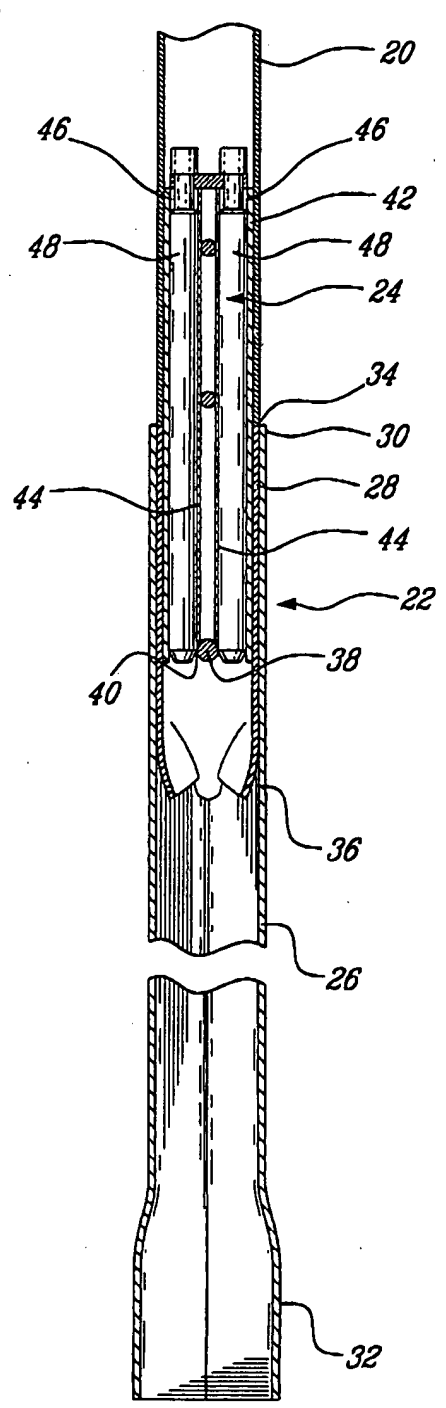


FIG. 2